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Tom Bachtell Buena Ventura Resources Corporation 215 South State Street, Suite 550 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re:

Permit Review Status, Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Buena Ventura Resources Corporation (BVRC), Asphalt Ridge Tar Sands, M/047/032, Uintah County

Dear Mr. Bachtell:

On April 30, 1996, the Division received BVRC's plan for the Asphalt Ridge Tar Sands mine. Due to a backlog of other permit reviews, the Division will not be able to complete a review of this plan within the usual 30-day time frame. Please accept our apology for failing to formally notify you sooner of this delay. We are in the process of reviewing the recent submission from Uintah County which overlaps a portion of the area included in your proposal.

We hope to complete our review of your application within the next 30-45 days. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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